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**"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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GROUP 2135"**

Docket No. 275785US6

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mitsuyaki HATANAKA, et al.

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RCE FILED: March 29, 2005

FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORING MEDIUM

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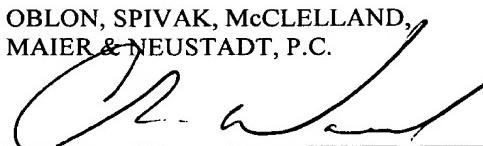
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.